

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-18 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-6 and 9 have been amended and claims 10-18 have been added by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Grigor et al.; and claim 9 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Grigor et al. in view of Yui.

Claims 1-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Grigor et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to include some of the subject matter similar to that as recited in dependent claim 3. In particular, independent claim 1 includes a combination of features and is directed to a method for controlling a resolution of a graphic image including (a) selecting a first resolution value of the graphic image to be displayed on an external display unit, and (b) additionally selecting a second resolution value corresponding to a valid screen size of the external display unit. The second resolution value is less than the first resolution value. The method also includes (c) confirming a source type on the graphic image to be displayed on the external display unit and a screen mode, and (d) referring to the selected first and second resolution values and reconfiguring the graphic image, according to a result of the confirmation.

On the contrary, Grigor et al. discloses a method for generating a new drawing surface until a resolution value according a drawing surface setting matches a resolution value which an external display unit supports. In Grigor et al., a valid screen size of the external display unit is not distinguished from a physical screen size of the external display unit. Further, column 5, lines 34-37 of Grigor et al. is related to a graphic image to be displayed in an external display unit being controlled according to a display mode (a full screen mode or a window display

mode), and is not related to a graphic image being reconfigured in consideration of a second resolution value about the valid screen size.

Further, the office action indicates that the source type of the graphic image of steps (c) and (d) in claim 1 of the present invention is related to image resolutions such as the drawing surface settings including a resolution of 1024 by 768, 720 by 540, 640 by 480, etc. However, the source type of the graphic image of steps (c) and (d) corresponds to whether or not a graphic image is a video image as described in the specification. Accordingly, because Grigor et al. does not consider the valid screen size, Grigor et al. does not teach or suggest the graphic image being reconfigured in consideration of both the source type of the graphic image and the screen mode.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted independent claim 1 and each of the claims depending therefrom are allowable.

In addition, it is respectfully submitted the rejection of claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) noted in the Office Action has also been overcome as Yui also does not teach or suggest the features recited in amended independent claim 1.

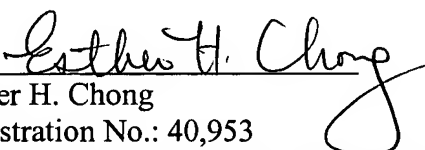
In addition, new claims 10-18 have been added to set forth the invention in a varying scope and Applicant submits the new claims are supported by the originally filed specification. In particular, new claims 10-18 are similar to claims 1-9, but are system claims. It is respectfully submitted new claims 10-18 are allowable for similar reasons as discussed above.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments, please contact David A. Bilodeau, Reg. No. 42,325 at the offices of Birch, Stewart, Kolasch & Birch, LLP.

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